

STATE QUESTION NO. 62  
REFERENDUM PETITION NO. 25

Ballot Title

The gist of this proposition is to repeal Chapter 128, Session Laws of Oklahoma, 1913, the same being an Act entitled:

"AN ACT to amend sections 2519, 2520, and 2528 of the General Statutes of 1893, of the State of Oklahoma, relating to gambling; and providing penalties for running slot machines; and providing for civil penalty against owners of premises permitting same to be used in violation of section one of this act".

Approved April 14, 1913.

*To the Attorney General - The above is proposed as a ballot title for the proposition submitted by the attached referendum petition.*

*McAdams & Haswell, Attorneys  
for John Rainey,*

September the 13, 1913.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY

That John Ranney of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, has this date filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Oklahoma, a petition entitled "State Question No. 62, Referendum Petition No. 25", being a Referendum Petition on House Bill No. 51 of a Special Session of the Fourth Legislature and approved April the 14, 1913. Said petition contains 844 pamphlets bearing 15,867 signatures.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be attached hereto.

Secretary of State.

CHAS. WEST,  
ATTORNEY GENERAL  
SMITH C. MATSON  
WILLIAM C. REEVES  
CHARLES L. MOORE  
EDWARD G. SPILMAN  
ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL

STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
OFFICE OF THE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

OKLAHOMA CITY Sept. 17, 1913

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To the Secretary of State  
Oklahoma, Oklahoma

Dear Sir,--

In Re State Question No. 62  
Referendum Petition No. 25

You are hereby notified that the petitioners  
in the above matter have requested a ballot title therein  
which is hereby approved and adopted. It is in the  
following words:

"Ballot Title

"The gist of this proposition is to repeal  
Chapter 128, Session Laws of Oklahoma, 1913, the same  
being an Act entitled:

"AN ACT to amend sections 2519, 2520, and 2528  
of the General Statutes of 1893, of the State of Oklahoma  
relating to gambling; and providing penalties for running  
slot machines; and providing for civil penalty against  
owners of premises permitting same to be used in violation  
of section one of this act".

Approved April 14, 1913".

Very respectfully,

Chas. West.

Attorney General

STATE OF OKLAHOMA,

DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

TO THE PUBLIC:

This is to certify that there was filed in the office of Secretary of State of the State of Oklahoma, on Saturday, September 13, 1913, a Referendum Petition entitled State Question No. 62, Referendum Petition No. 25, the ballot title of which is as follows:

"The gist of this proposition is to repeal Chapter 128, Session Laws of Oklahoma, 1913, the same being an Act entitled:

'AN Act to amend sections 2519, 2520, and 2528 of the General Statutes of 1893, of the State of Oklahoma relating to gambling; and providing penalties for running slot machines; and providing for civil penalty against owners of premises permitting same to be used in violation of section one of this act'.  
Approved April 14, 1913."

Said Petition has 15,867 signatures.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed this 17th day of September, A. D., 1913.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
OKLAHOMA CITY

BENJAMIN F. HARRISON  
SECRETARY

HUGH L. HARRELL  
ASST. SECRETARY

June 24th, 1914.

To the

State Board of Public Affairs, and  
Secretary of State Election Board,  
Oklahoma, Oklahoma.

Gentlemen:

I am herewith transmitting argument in  
re the adoption of State Question No. 59,  
State Question No. 62, Referendum No. 25,  
and State Question No. 61, Referendum No.  
24.

Yours very respectfully,

SECRETARY OF STATE.

ARGUMENT FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 51, AND AGAINST  
ITS REPEAL AS PROPOSED BY STATE QUESTION NO. 62,  
PETITION FOR REFERENDUM NO. 25.

House Bill No. 51 passed by the last Legislature is an excellent anti-gambling bill, the operation of which will abolish gambling and drive from the state, or into legitimate and productive lines of business, or place in the penitentiary, that dangerous and destructive leech upon organized society--the professional gambler.

The gamblers financed this Referendum Petition No. 25, and are furnishing the money for the campaign being made in support of this State Question No. 62, whereby they seek to accomplish the repeal of this splendid legislative enactment.

The Act was passed by a decisive majority vote in both Houses of the Legislature and was signed by Governor Cruce. Where are you going to stand Mr. Voter, for common decency and the public welfare by upholding the hands of Governor Cruce and the Legislature, or for that seductive vice and debased ideal, which, more than any other one cause, has contributed to the state of anarchy and depravity now prevailing in the Republic of Mexico, by casting your vote for the gamblers?

The gambler is to Society what the chinch-bug and grasshopper are to the growing grain--a parasite and a leech. The gambler makes of a professional man a vagabond; of a merchant, a bankrupt; of a public officer or trusted employee, a defaulter. He cares for nothing but dirty gold. He produces nothing but crime, depravity and degradation.

The patriotic man, the self-respecting man, the home-loving man will not align himself with the gambler, but will, in answer to State Question No.      "SHALL IT BE REPEALED", vote "NO."

Campbell Russell  
and Fred Caldwell  
For the members of the Legislative  
Committee.

# STATE ELECTION BOARD

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

319-320-321 MERCANTILE BUILDING

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. June 25, 1914.

Hon. Ben F. Harrison,  
Secretary of State.,  
Oklahoma, Okla.

Dear Sir:

IN RE PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS REQUIRED BY  
LAW TO BE PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED  
TO VOTERS.

I enclose herewith copy of opinion from the  
Attorney General's office which is self-explanatory. I  
ask that you kindly furnish me copies of each of the meas-  
ures to be submitted to the vote of the people at the com-  
ing election and for which ballot titles were furnished on  
yesterday.

Thanking you for an early compliance, I am,

Very truly yours,



SECTY. STATE ELECTION BOARD.

Opinion enclosed.

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June 25, 1914.

Initiative and Referendum--  
In re publicity pamphlets.  
(Sec. 3384, Rev. L. 1910.)

Honorable Joe S. Morris,  
Secretary, State Election Board,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of  
the 25th instant, calling attention to Section  
3384, Revised Laws of Oklahoma, 1910, and to the  
following language in said section, to-wit:

"The text  
of each measure to be submitted to popular vote;  
also a copy of the arguments for and against such  
measure, and a copy of the official ballot, bound  
together in a single pamphlet with a table of con-  
tents."

You desire to know if the word "text" as used  
in said section includes a full copy of the measure  
or would the printing of the gist of the measure as  
contained in the ballot title be held to be a com-  
pliance with the law.

In reply you are advised that in my opinion  
a reading of Chapter 37, in which said section is  
included, clearly indicates that the text of the  
measure as used by the legislature meant the body of

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of the measure itself. This is indicated by a reading of Section 3300, which says that

"The Secretary of State shall submit to the State or public printer, a copy of the title and text of each measure presented."

And also in Section 3384 you will note that the language, speaking of this pamphlet, is as follows:

"The pages shall be numbered consecutively; the title page of every measure bound in the pamphlet shall show its ballot title and ballot number."

It is my opinion, therefore, that each measure must be bound in this pamphlet, and that was the meaning of the legislature when they used the word "text." The pamphlet should contain a copy of the measure with the title page, showing its ballot title and ballot number. It should also contain copy of each argument, and also a copy of the official ballot.

Very respectfully,

Assistant Attorney General.

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

319-320-321 MERCANTILE BUILDING

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. June 25, 1914.

Hon. Ben F. Harrison,  
Secretary of State,  
C I T Y.

Dear Sir:

IN RE PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS REQUIRED BY LAW  
TO BE PRINTED AND SUBMITTED TO VOTERS.

Section #3384, Revised Laws of Oklahoma says....."The text of each measure to be submitted to popular vote; also a copy of the arguments for and against such measure, and a copy of the official ballot, bound together in a single pamphlet with a table of contents".

We received from your office on yesterday, ballot titles for the various measures to be submitted, together with copies of arguments for and against such measures, but did not find enclosed any copies of the text of the measure to be submitted. Kindly supply us at the earliest possible moment with certified copies of the text of the various measures to be submitted to the popular vote at the coming election, as required by the Section of the statute above quoted.

Yours very truly,

*Joe D. Morris*

SECTY. STATE ELECTION BOARD.

STATE QUESTION NUMBER 62, REFERENDUM PETITION NUMBER 25.

Yes- Suptl. List	No- Suptl. List	I	Yes- Suptl. List	No.	Suptl. List.
Adair, 559	405	Lattimer,	309	658	
Alfalfa, 508	899	Lincoln,	1063	1904	
Atoka, 596	453	Logan,	1178	1321	
Beaver, 322	462	Love,	531	644	
Beckham, 846	1183	McClain,	722	704	
Bellme, 558	517	McQuinn,	934	758	
Bryan, 1745	1477	McIntosh,	713	428	
Caddo, 1839	2001	Major,	285	533	
Canadian, 1801	1242	Marshall,	786	469	
Carter, 1522	1047	Mayes,	567- 44	147- 231	
Cherokee, 923	558	Murray,	567	529	
Choctaw, 1009	746	Muskogee,	2144	1603	
Cimarron, 179	177	Nowata,	620- 6	800	4
Cleveland, 783	937	Nowata,	566	463	
Coal, 930	1086	Oklfuskee,	500	485	
Comanche, 1053	918	Oklahoma,	4321	4707	
Cotton, 595	824	Oklfuskee,	993	890	
Craig, 639	588	Ottawa,	1027	1143	
Creek, 900- 230	1276	Osage,	857	760	
Custer, 550	334	Ottawa,	609	788	
Delaware, 459	334	Payne,	803	798	
Dewey, 455	611	Payne,	803	1138	
Ellis, 608	890	Fittsburg,	1261	1392	
Garfield, 1091	1508	Fottawatomie,	1732	2035	
Garvin, 1272	1246	Fushmataha,	656	493	
Grady, 1528	1758	Roger Mills,	495	521	
Grant, 544	927	Rogers,	662	723	
Greer, 765	877	Rogers,	775	512	
Harmon, 382	659	Seminole,	979	618	
Harper, 250	263	Sequoyah,	1016- 122	1112- 129	
Haskell, 881	744	Stephens,	437	440	
Hughes, 1224- 13	1019 - 26	Texas,	722	440	
Jefferson, 677	1358	Tillman,	1594	1808	
Jefferson, 690- 4	712 - 9	Tulsa,	572	441	
Johnston, 916	811	Wagoner,	1090	933	
Kay, 882	1404	Washington,	820	1247	
Kingfisher, 713	1073	Washita,	693	1010	
Kiowa, 912	1198	Woodward,	485	962	
LeFlore, 716	668	Woodward,	419	397	
			"Yes" 57,145.. 419	"No" 373,373.. 397	
			57,562	73,770	

The official returns show that State Question Number 62, Referendum Petition Number 25 carried by 6,208 majority.

I, Joe S. Morris, Secretary of the State Election Board of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct vote cast for and against State Question Number Sixty-two (62) Referendum Petition Number Twenty-five (25), in each and every County in the State of Oklahoma at the Primary election held on the Fourth day of August, A.D. 1914, as shown by the official returns of the respective County Election Boards of the State of Oklahoma, as now appears of record in the office of the State Election Board of the State of Oklahoma.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix my official seal of office, this *Fifteenth* day of *September*, A.D. 1914.



*Joe S. Morris*  
SECRETARY, STATE ELECTION BOARD.